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New Look, New Outlook: The Lions' Pride Media Group

John F. Hall Jr.

Print Editor-In-Chief

The Lions' Pride Newspaper has recently undergone a name change. As of Aug. 24, 2018, The Lions' Pride Newspaper has been changed to The Lions Pride Media Group. The name change reflects the change in operation of the Organization and seeks to encompass all of the platforms which it represents.

Over the past three years, numerous platforms have been engaged to stay relevant within a growing global presence. Some of the new additions have included but are not limited to an Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat account, where subscribers can see behind the scenes work of The Lions' Pride Staff. Subscribers are also updated daily on new articles set to be published in print and direct to online publications. The available content includes articles, time lapse and standard video clips.

The addition of the movie review channel on YouTube, Lions' Pride Watch, has allowed us to engage with students, members of faculty and staff on current and past cinematic releases.

The Lions' Pride remains committed to providing timely, accurate and relevant information within and around The Saint Leo community while providing an awareness of the world and the influences around us. We promise to remain the student voice of the Saint Leo community while exemplifying the Benedictine Core Values. We are not a group of students representing any one major at the University, but a subset of the wider community hailing from diverse backgrounds with an even wider range of talents.

In the upcoming issues, we offer the Saint Leo Community the opportunity to meet and dialog with our editors, staff and affiliates. Thank you for your continued support.

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Image by Christian Silva

The new logo of The Lions' Pride reflects the diversity of the organization and the versatility that it has evolved into over the years.

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Prodding the success of the paper yearly, is the family-like environment fostered by all members of staff.

John F. Hall Jr.

Print Editor-in-Chief

My name is John Hall; I am a junior and biology major with a specialization in biomedical and health science. I hold both roles of Layout Editor responsible for the weekly design of the paper as well as Editor-In-Chief. I am a nontraditional student, and before attending Saint Leo, I spent 13 years as a sworn police officer and forensic ballistic scientist in The Royal Bahamas Police Force. I chose Saint Leo to continue my education because Saint Leo chose me first; they called, emailed and kept me on track during the application process. I press toward a career in the medical profession as a Doctor and enjoy photography.

Collin Moran

Digital Content Editor-in-Chief

Hi, I'm Collin and I am the Digital Editor-In-Chief for the Lions' Pride Media Group. I am an English major with a specialization in professional writing; I also have minors in both journalism and criminal justice. Originally I am from Connecticut and found my way onto the Lions' Pride in the Spring of my sophomore year. Since joining I have spent time as a staff writer and Sports Editor before getting a new position for my senior year here at Saint Leo. My hobbies include anything related to sports, which have prompted me to include a Fantasy Football column into the Newspaper in 2017.

Randawnique Coakley

Managing/Worldly News Editor

My name is Randawnique Coakley, I am from the Bahamas, and I am a senior majoring in accounting and economics. I am the Managing Editor and the Worldly Education Editor for the Lions' Pride Media Group. Also,

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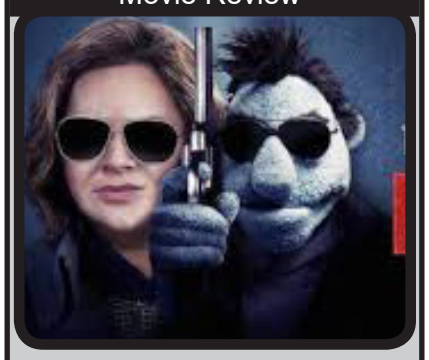

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Editorials

America: The King of Gun Violence

Travis Farmer
Editorials Editor

At concerts, nightclubs, the movies, schools and now at a video game tournament. It seems no matter where Americans go they are at risk of being shot by a crazed gunman. Where is safe? It's obvious that whatever we are doing to prevent these mass shootings is not working.

The left will blame the guns, and the right will blame mental health and the video games. But will any legislation ever get passed? Will anything ever actually be attempted? What's the point of all the conversation and arguments when nothing ever gets attempted?

Since this latest tragedy happened at an eSports competition, many online video game personalities had their opinion to throw in. Prominent YouTube personality Liam Allen-Miller stated on Twitter, "Even if tighter gun control only stopped 1% of gun violence in the U.S., that would have been 95 lives in 2018 alone so far. That'd be 186 injuries. That'd be 4 children. Just 1%".

And he doesn't even know how right he is. According to gunviolencearchive.org, as of Aug. 27, there have been 38,000 gun-violence related incidents in 2018 alone. 447 children under 11 have been killed by guns, and 1,889 teenagers have died.

But, how can we feel safe? It's obvious a "gun free zone" sign is not enough. It's also obvious that an armed guard on campus or on-site is not enough, like in Parkland. So the next place to look would be to legislation and regulation.

The government needs to do something, anything at all to attempt putting an end to this. There could be more stringent background checks for firearm purchases, mental health reform or banning certain types of guns outright, yet none of these ever even get seriously considered, why?

Perhaps the single most powerful answer to why nothing gets done is the National Rifle Association's powerful lobbying practices. The NRA is an organization of millions of gun owners across the country. It is not a single entity that stands against gun control bills, however, it is a giant organization with dozens of lawmakers, including the vast majority of conservatives, in their pockets to ensure that they will not vote against their wishes.

It is also important to remember that while the federal government and Congress can pass gun control laws, it is also up to the states to pass meaningful legislation. In the wake of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting the Florida state legislature actually passed some good legislation; while its effects are yet to be seen on the short-term it is good to know that one of the worst shootings in history is enough to spur some lawmakers to actually make some laws.

Regardless of what side of the aisle and gun control debate you fall on, it is obvious that something must be done. In Jacksonville, a young, white male with mental health issues was able to acquire a firearm and use it to injure or kill a dozen people in two minutes. Early reporting states that he simply lost his match at the video game, and that was enough to set him off on a childish murderous rampage. Why was someone like this able to acquire a firearm? Did he get it illegally? A gun show? A relative? All of these possibilities need to be explored and looked at as avenues to explore and employ some meaningful regulations. Even if it only saves one person's life, or stops one mass shooter, it was worth it.

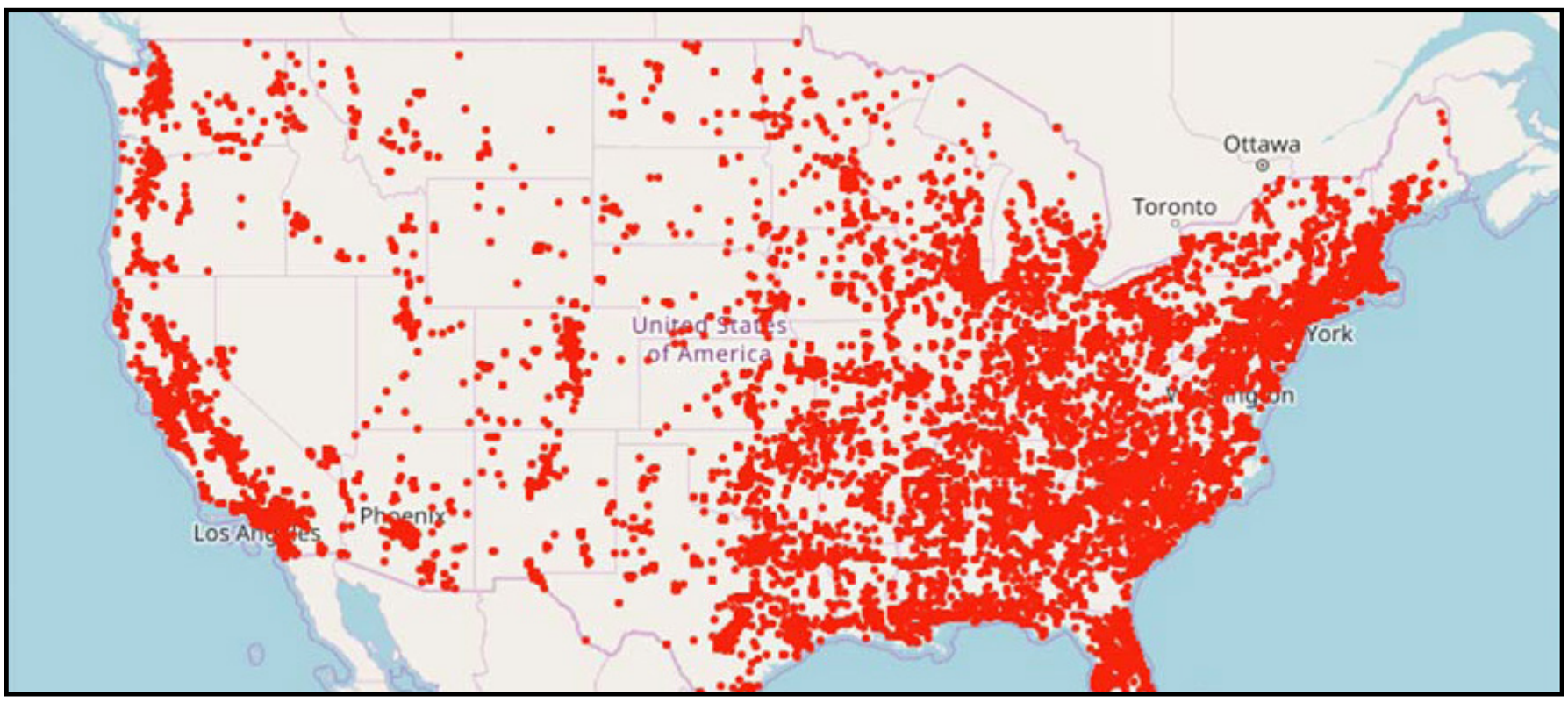
Responsible gun owners should not fear legislation. A perfectly responsible, upstanding and perfect gun owner who practices safe gun handling always has nothing to fear from tighter gun control. If guns are harder to get, these people will not be affected.

Also, like Jim Jefferies said in his now-viral gun control rant, "In 1996, Australia had the biggest massacre on Earth. Now, after that, they banned the guns. Since the gun ban in 1996, there hasn't been a single massacre since." Many nations on earth have much lower gun violence rates than the United States. Have they cured mental health? Have they fixed petty crimes and gang activity?

The shooter in Jacksonville will not be named in this article, nor will any other shooter from other tragedies of the last few years. It is immediately apparent, according to many leading psychologists that putting these monsters in a lime-light will encourage future copycats. There is no need for giving them a kill score, blasting their face to the country or comparing them on a list of top violent.

Instead of publishing the names and faces of these horrific monsters, we should focus on the victims. Eli Clayton, 22, of California and Taylor Robertson, 27, of West Virginia had their lives taken in the most meaningless way possible, and it's important to remember them. It's most important to remember them instead of the monster that should have his name forgotten to time.

Even if this practice by the Lions' Pride and by some other media outlets stop even one shooter or death, it was worth. And that is really all this is about, saving lives, no matter how few and no matter at what lengths. Something just had to be done to make us feel safe.



Gun Violence Archives keeps an up-to-date map by the day of where gun violence has occurred in the United States; every red dot is a gun violence incident.

National

Senator John McCain: The Life of The Maverick

John F. Hall Jr.
Print Editor-in-Chief

Senator John McCain died Aug. 25, 2018, at 4:28 MST, surrounded by his closest family and friends

The 81-year old veteran had been embroiled in a long battle with brain cancer. In an interview with 60 minutes McCain said, "I am more energetic and engaged as a result of this [disease] because I know that I've got to do everything I can do to serve this country while I can." His service to the country was invaluable as he saw beyond party lines much to the behest of his contemporaries. The Republicans' ideas of who Sen. McCain was, meant little to him as doing what was right, was more important than doing the right thing by his party. This type of attitude dubbed Senator McCain, "The Maverick."

In a scolding address to the Senate, McCain reprimanded the members of the Senate saying, "We are getting nothing done."

Photos by: @ObamaFoundation

The legacy of Senator John McCain is shown through his dedication to country that extended beyond party lines. McCain was willing to have a seat the table and engage in meaningul discussion for the betterment of all Americans.

To many his remarks and actions were blasphemous in nature, however he understood that he was a man full with gratitude for the platform he was able to stand on . In 1967 while on active duty in a Vietnam bombing mission Sen. McCain was shot down tortured and held as a Prisoner of War (P.O.W). When his captors learned of his lineage, (being the son of an American Admiral-John McCain Sr.) they offered to set him free but Sen. McCain refused to leave before those who were caught before could be released. McCain remained in custody for five years before his release, which was a strong platform for him to stand on when running for Congress.

Throughout his tenure, he supported his Republican counterparts in most of their endeavors, however refused to support blindly any action that would be harmful to the American people. One such point of contention was the repeal and replace of The Affordable Care Act also known as, Obamacare. Although he supported the repeal of the Act, the replacement proffered by his colleagues was not enough, in his opinion, to replace the protection presently available for the people in Arizona. McCain's stance solicited harsh criticism as the Senator mustered up the strength, despite his affliction, to vote No to the new Act proposed.

The contemptuous act solicited the criticism of the now sitting President of The United States, Donald Trump. Despite the criticism by the Commander in Chief, McCain did not respond in kind, he continued to keep his head held high.

As he saw death drawing nigh, McCain made several of his final wills known one of which was to be eulogized by both Former President Barack Obama and George W. Bush. The request that was made directly by McCain to the Democratic President Obama came in April 2018 and showcases the level of civility and bipartisanship practiced by the late senator.

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I am the vice president of the Debate Club at Saint Leo University and the Director of Programs and Communication for the IMA Student Chapter at Saint Leo University.

Christian Silva
Multimedia Editor

Hello there! I'm the Multimedia Graphics Editor at the Lions' Pride Media Group, where I create and edit graphics, videos, photos and manage the Instagram account. I am a sophomore in the Honors Program studying computer science with a minor in multimedia management and have been a part of this Group since fall 2017. I'm a huge soccer fanatic, artist and guitarist originating from Fort Myers, Florida.

Ali Masso
Copy Editor

Hello! My name is Ali Masso and I am a senior majoring in English with a specialization in literary studies. I am the Copy Editor for the Lions' Pride Media Group which entails editing every article and post that we produce. I am a member of the national English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, as well. I love Saint for so many reasons, however, being from Connecticut, I am a true Northeast girl at heart. Aside from editing and reading, playing volleyball and working with animals are my two biggest passions!

Keep a lookout as we continue to showcase our Editors and Managers in future issues of The Lions' Pride Media Group.

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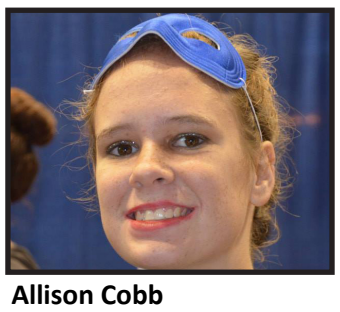
Madison Whatley
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Hello, my name is Madison Whatley. I'm a 20-year-old junior from Hollywood, FL. My major is English, and I'm pursuing the literary studies focus. I'm also a student of the Honors Program, and I belong to Sigma Tau Delta, the literary honor society. I love being the A&E Editor for The Lions' Pride Media Group because my job is to do things that I enjoy like going to the movies and concerts as well as reading and writing. My favorite place is the beach. I love getting to know all of you, so please interact with us on social media and on campus!

Travis Farmer
Editorials Editor

Hi! I'm Travis Farmer. I'm the Editorials Editor for the Lion's Pride. Anything opinionated, biased and otherwise editorialized comes through my section. I'm also a senior major of criminal justice with a specialization in criminalistics and a minor in legal studies. Outside of editing, I enjoy writing political articles, editorials and video game reviews.



Allison Cobb
Campus News Editor

My name is Allison Cobb, I am a resident of Dade City and I'm the Campus News Editor, ensuring all events on campus are covered.I am also the Distribution Manager, ensuring newspapers are in strategic locations on campus, and I am a contributing writer for the paper. I'm a senior biology major, and hope to work with animals in some capacity after graduation. I also ride horses and do photography in my spare time.

Vincent Pensabene
Sports Editor

My name is Vincent Pensabene, and I am a senior majoring in sports business. I have been the Sports Editor for the Lions' Pride Media Group since fall 2017 and cannot wait to give you continued coverage on all things surrounding Saint Leo Athletics. In addition to being the Sports editor, I am the treasurer of Alpha Psi Omega and a member of the Saint Leo Theater Program where I have been a part of six shows throughout my collegiate career.

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I'll Pass on Movie Pass

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Photo from @crash_signal

Mitch Lowe, MoviePass's CEO, expects that claims that subscribers is over three million and will reach over five million by the end of the year, and Lowe hopes for the company to make a profit before completely running out of money.

How can a company's stock price drop by more than $8,000 in less than a year? How can the same company lose over $150 million within several months? The stock price of Helios and Matheson Analytics Inc., a data firm, dropped from $8,225 to $0.02, with the record low for the company of $0.02 being reached Aug. 24, 2018. The company has lost an average of more than $20 million in cash each month from September 2018 to April 2018, according to the regulatory filing of an 8-K report, filed in May 2018.

The company had a large cash deficit each month that sparked concerns from independent auditors. In April 2018, Helios and Matheson's independent auditors expressed substantial doubt of the company's ability to continue operations, which can affect the company's ability to obtain financing in the future, according to MarketWatch.

The drop in stock price, the enormous cash outflows and the doubt of the company's ability to continue operations are speculated to be the result of a recent company that Helios and Matheson acquired known as MoviePass.

However, the CEO of Helios and Matheson, Theodore Farnsworth was supportive of the new acquisition and remained supportive of MoviePass at that time of the fillings despite the $150 million in cash that MoviePass was burning through.

"I'm the biggest fan because I see what's going on from the inside and what Mitch [CEO of Movie Pass] is creating here," said Farnsworth after the filings, according to Business Insider.

Movie Pass is a subscription service that allows subscribers to attend movie theater showings for a monthly fee. In its beginning years, Movie Pass allowed users to see up to a movie a day, with certain restrictions, and the subscription fee ranged from $14.95 to nearly $50 a month. However, after Helios and Matheson acquired the company in August 2017, the monthly fee dropped to $9.95, and Movie Pass still allowed moviegoers to see one movie a day at movie theaters around the country. So, essentially, subscribers could have seen up to 30 movies in a month for less than the average price of one movie ticket. This drop in price led to a boost in subscribers. There were 20,000 subscribers in December 2017, before the price drop, then the subscribers increased to 150,000 in the month of the price drop and then to more than 2 million subscribers in March of 2018, according to Statistics. However, despite the increase in subscribers, the business model of MoviePass appeared to be financially unsustainable since MoviePass payed the full price of every subscribers' tickets. Therefore, if a subscriber buys more than two tickets a month, the company loses money. This financial unsustainable is evidenced by the parent company spending millions of dollars each month to subsidize MoviePass. d in stock price dropped and also resulted in many changes, restrictions and malfunctions to the services, such as a service outage for a day due to company's cash deficit, which caused numerous backlashes and negative press against the company.

The most recent change that caused major backlash was in August when the company implemented that subscribers would no longer

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Movie Pass planned to gain money in advertisement for movies and selling data when it initially drop their fee in August 2017. However, the movies advertised by Movie Pass, such as Gottie, means more subscribers will go to the movies, increasing the cost incurred by Movie Pass.

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be able to see up to 30 movies a month, but instead only three.

However, not all subscription services that allow users to see movies at a theater are this unprofitable and unreliable. In fact, AMC launched their own subscription service, called Stubs A-list, a few months ago to rival the MoviePass. The subscription service launched in June and is an expansion to the AMC's current Stubs reward program, according to USA Today. The service allows subscribers to attend up to three movies a week for $19.95 a month.

MoviePass attempted to combat AMC's new subscription service on Twitter. MoviePass stated that the AMC's Stubs A-List service is inferior to their own by detailing that AMC only offers "twice the price for 1/4 the theater network and 60% fewer movies."

Yet, AMC's service seems to include more benefits than Movie Pass's service. The movie selections include 3-D and IMAX showings, unlike MoviePass, which only allows 2-D showings. Also, AMC's program, having the benefits of Stubs Premiere, provides free upgrades on certain concession stand items, provides the opportunity to purchase tickets online with no extra fees and provides express service at the box office. AMC also allows consumers to see more than one movie within a day. MoviePass on the other hand, does not offer any of these features.

AMC got more than 250,000 subscribers within two months of the service launch, and the business model of service seems more sustainable than MoviePass's business model, especially since AMC gets to direct more consumers to their movie theaters, thus increasing revenues at the concessions, where movie theaters make most of their profit. According to Time, movies make about 85 percent profits on concession items, such as popcorn and candy.

With AMC realizing their own service, along with other subscription services, such as Sinemia out there, MoviePass has more competition now than ever. And with Movie Pass's most recent malfunctions and unwanted changes, subscribers may seek to go somewhere else. Therefore, the fate of this service is unpredictable.

Photo from @socalthrills

MoviePass planned a cut of revenue from tickets or concession, but big theater chains, such as AMC didn not play ball with MoviePass.

Recent Malfunctions and Changes

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Managing Editor &
Worldly Education Editor

Movie Pass has faced many malfunctions to the app and drawbacks of certain service features. As a result, the business model has drastically changed since the announcement of the price drop in August 2017. Below is a detailed timeline of the malfunctions and restrictions that were faced by the MoviePass service following the release of regulatory filings, revealing the company facing more than $150 million cash deficit, which led up to the most recent change in mid-August 2018 of decreasing the number of movie showings for subscribers.

In mid-April, the company went from offering a movie-a-day to four movies a month. After receiving backlash, the company returned to the original model. However, months following this, there were drawbacks, such as surge pricing and outages.

Also, the MoviePass service was not working July 28 due to the parent company temporarily running out of money. As a result, the company had to borrow money due to a high cash deficit. Helios and Matheson, the parent company, borrowed $6.2 million, with $5 million cash dedicated to assisting with Movie Pass, according to Variety. The outage was solved the next day; however, screenings of certain movies were still not available for subscribers. The screening restrictions were mainly for movies that are deemed popular, which are coming out in more than 1,000 screenings, with these movies not being available on their opening weekends or even within two weekends of its release.

"We must reduce availability for big new-release titles, such as "Mission: Impossible - Fallout" and other popular new releases, at least for a while as we adjust the business model. We are working on making this more clear in the app, so you know which titles are available," said Mitch Lowe in an email sent out to subscribers after the service outage in July, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

That was not the only change to the service following the outage. In the same email, Lowe stated that "showtimes that are offered through our service will vary from day to day, and every showtime may not be available."

More malfunctions evolved with the services provided by Movie Pass, such as glitches and bugs in the app, which is used to purchase the tickets and check into the theaters.

MoviePass also announced that they would raise the monthly fee from $9.95 to $14.95. However,

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MoviePass subscirbers use an app to see the movie showings and check into the theaters.

after receiving more backlash, the company settled on keeping the price at $9.95.

The most recent change to the service was decreasing the number of movies that subscribers can see a month from up to 30 a month to only three movies a month. This change was announced in early August and implemented August 15. This change was not intended to effect the annual subscribers of the one-movie-a-day deal until their subscription renewal. However, on August 24, even these annual subscribers were subject to only being able to see three movies a month. An email was sent out, informing annual subscription holders and there only other option is to cancel the subscription to get refunded for remaining funds if unhappy with the change, according

Arts & Entertainment

A New Lion's Guide to the Beaches of Tampa

Madison Whatley
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Many out-of-state students and even in-state students from different areas of Florida have the same initial thought their first weekend on campus once the chaos of moving into a new dorm and meeting dozens of new people has died down: what the heck is there to do around here?

Acquainting oneself with the area surrounding the university should help put any incoming student at ease, as nobody enjoys feeling alone in a strange town. Exploring Tampa Bay and enjoying its beauty and character is the first step in turning this new location into a home for the next few years. The local beaches are an excellent destination with which to start because a mere hour-long drive from campus leads to several of the country's best beaches that remain among the most highly acclaimed in the world. These beauties will surely leave anyone awestruck, but it will truly be a remarkable experience for any students arriving from landlocked states.

Clearwater Beach is currently ranked as the No. 1 Best Beach in the United States of 2018 by TripAdvisor users. Free parking downtown makes it an ideal hangout spot for students on a budget. It costs nothing to enjoy the soft white sand and crystal clear water for which the beach is known, so there's no excuse to skip the chance to take in the view from the famous Pier 60, which boasts a 1,080-foot fishing pier. For those with spending money, there are also countless establishments for oceanside shopping and dining.

St. Pete Beach stands tall at No. 7 on TripAdvisor's list of the Best American Beaches this time around, but it has held the top spot in previous years. Like Clearwater, it is renowned for its snowy-white sand. The island encompassed by the beaches holds many small shops and cafes and overflows with art, maintaining an atmosphere that is upbeat but not overwhelming.

Madeira Beach is known for its seafood as it is a hotspot for Grouper fishing, but those that do not have an affinity for fish should have no fear. Madeira beach is another lovely sunbathing spot with no lack in supply of white sand and captivating blue water. The dolphin-watching cruise offered at the marina sets this beach apart from others on the list, and John's Pass Village & Boardwalk provides over 50 shops to stroll through as well as boisterous nightlife.

Fort De Soto Beach is a favorite among Tampa Bay locals. Because it is the southernmost beach on this list, it is a bit more of a drive from campus (by about 15-20 minutes), but it is rarely crowded, making it the perfect beach to relax and embrace nature (and you never know what critters you may find on the sandbar). Out of all other beaches on this list, this one feels the most like an oceanside park complete with removed barbeque spots between the parking lot and the sand perfect for gatherings of friends and families. Parking is only $5 and well worth it. This beach also offers camping spot rentals and watersports activities to make it a true weekend getaway. Visitors can bring along their furry companions to enjoy the nearby dog park, as well. This low-key gem indeed has something for everyone.

All of the above beaches are fairly accessible. Each one is estimated by Google Maps to be about an hour-long drive from University Campus, but it is well worth it. Start planning your beach trip with your roommate right away. And for those that lack their own transportation, the Campus Activities Board has been known to arrange bus trips to the beach, so be sure to check out their monthly calendars.

Photo by @MyClearwater

Clearwater Beach attracts tourists to the state of Florida because it maintains its pure beauty.

Photo by @VSPC

Fort De Soto Beach is the peaceful, southernmost oasis of Tampa Bay. It maintains its natural beauty while the other beaches have become more developed.

Photo by @StPeteBeach

St. Pete Beach offers recreational programs for children and adults.

Caution

An advisory is in effect for all beaches along the West coast of Florida. A phenomenon known as Red Tide is currently plaguing the waters surrounding the area. Red Tide is a discoloration of seawater by algae that takes the oxygen out of the water.

Keep an eye on local news outlets for more updates.

Campus News

Bingo Begins Semester With A Bang

On Thursday, Aug. 23, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) held the first Bingo night for the semester, which drew scores of students into the Marion Bowman Activity Center. Prizes were won, fun was had and the night was memorialized by The Lions' Pride.

For more photos visit us online at: The Lions' Pride Media Group on Facebook

Photos by Christian Silva

Mass on the Grass Makes A Splash

John F. Hall Jr.
Print Editor-in-Chief

Sunday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. Saint Leo's Abbey was abandoned by regular evening Mass parishioners. The congregation used the opportunity to gather in the SCC Bowl for what was deemed "Mass on the Grass." Campus Minister Tiffany Fettig described the event as, "A serene way to start the semester where we see heaven touch down on earth with the beauty of God's grandeur."

Having minimal expectations of the event, Tiffany expressed her enthusiasm in seeing members of Saint Leo in attendance. Unfortunately, lightning and rain interrupted the service prompting the attendees to leave the scenic place of worship. Tiffany was most surprised by the reaction of students when the rain started, stating, "The most surprising was the way that the students reacted when it started to rain, everyone helped to bring all the things that were outside to a covered area. Everyone was in good spirits, and the experience of the rain brought the community closer together! When Father Kyle started "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," the thunder and rain rolled in and everyone started laughing."

With great enthusiasm, Fettig expressed her intent to repeat the event saying, "It was AWESOME even with the rain and lightning! We are well aware that God had in His plan to have it rain, and it couldn't have been more epic and full of grace. We trust that when we are continuously docile to the Holy Spirit, we are living in the will of the Father and He will do with it what He will. We just continue to listen and act."

Tiffany encouraged the wider community to be aware of the upcoming events for the semester which include, "Theology on taps, an event where we hang out at the Abbey Tavern and talk about up and coming and struggles within our faith lives, all while having a beer and eating buffalo chicken dip. We also are having sign-ups for our retreat: "Encounter Joy" from Sept. 14-16." Tiffany continued, "Come, it's going to be a good time to get away and encounter something more than yourself."

As the school transitions into the third full week, Father Kyle expressed his hopes for the semester. "I hope this is a great academic year for all who are with us. This year, in some way, I hope that you grow in your relationship with God, and [I want you to] know that spiritual assistance is available for you by the staff and students of University Ministry."

Faculty and students gathered early for a chance to participate in the mass at the unconventional venue for mass, when it was disturbed by sharp lightning and impending rain.

Photos by John Hall

Although the rain came and disturbed the initial venue, the parishioners persisted and had a wonderful time at the changed venue in the Chapel and SAB pathway.

Sports

Soccer Season Prepares to Kick Off

Vincent Pensabene

Sports Editor

Photos courtesy of @SaintLeoMSoc

Men's soccer has been preparing for this season long before school has been back as the team is preparing during the preseason.

The soccer season is approaching, and the Lions look to build off a learning experience from last season. The Lions had a tough season last year, finishing 2-11-1 overall and an SSC record of 1-8-1 under coach Tony Paris in his first year as the head coach of the program. It would be unfair to point the blame at one person as the team had to learn a different coaching philosophy.

After a difficult 2017 campaign, the Lions are ready to bounce back and take a step forward. One major difference is the addition of five freshmen to the team, four of which are midfielders. Coach Paris made this recruiting class a priority. "It was absolutely crucial to the success of the program for now and in the future."

The team is expecting to take a step in the right direction, even with the Sunshine State Conference remaining the toughest division in Division II soccer. "[The goal is] to have a much better season than last year! It's tough to predict in such a tough conference as we are in the building phase of the program."

Building phase or not, the team expects to be competitive. Coach Paris isn't new to helping build up a program; he was actually the first coach for the Women's soccer program at Saint Leo. Even though there are minute differences in the rules and style of the game, he does not see it much different as a coach.

"For me, I really did not see that much difference [coaching men's soccer compared to women's soccer]. Coaching is having the ability to get the best out of the student-athlete. I enjoy both equally."

One underrated aspect for a team's success is a loyal fan base that can will the team on during a tough stretch or help the student-athlete dig down a bit deeper when they are exhausted. Coach Paris understands that and is hoping to give his team a home-field advantage and potentially start a club of supporters.

"Support is crucial for games and can help lift a team that is down to realize success. Our Athletics program is very special to all on campus, and I ask you to support us as and when you can," Paris concluded. "Some of our games are less than an hour away, so no better to spend a Wednesday or Saturday evening. I would love for someone to start a supporters' club to really boost the team. Feel free to contact me if you are interested."

The Men's soccer team started their season Aug.30 on the road, but will play their first home game Sept. 15 Vs. Embry-Riddle at 7 p.m. Make sure to keep updated with the live stream posted by Athletics.

Upcoming Games Week Ending 8/31/18 - 9/6/18

Cross Country

9/1-at Holloway Park Preseason Festival

Women's Soccer

8/31- at Mississippi State (Clinton, Mississippi) 5:30 p.m.

9/2- at West Alabama (Livingston, Alabama) 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer

9/1- at Wingate 4 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

8/31- vs Colorado Christian (Colorado Premier Challenge) 4:30 p.m.

8/31- vs #8 Southwest Minnesota State (Colorado Premier Challenge) 8 p.m.

9/1- vs TBA

Premier League Underway

The Premier League began Aug. 10 and competition is heating up. Manchester City traveled to Wolves Saturday evening to try to keep their 100 percent record in the Premier League. So far this season Wolves are currently 14th place on the table, with Man City in fourth place after Week 3.

Read More about last week's exciting action online at: lionsprideonline.com

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